

Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini was born in Enfield, Connecticut on February 16, 1965. In 1987 he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University under a full Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship. That same year he earned his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program as a Distinguished Graduate. After completing Specialized Undergraduate Navigation Training in 1988, he was assigned to the 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron at Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines and in 1989, the 21st was relocated to Yokota AB, Japan. There he served as C-130E/H Evaluator Navigator, Squadron Flight Safety Officer and Assistant Chief, Squadron Standardization and Evaluation. In 1991, Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini completed a short tour while deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation DESERT SHIELD with the 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron and flew in the first C-130 formation combat airdrop deep in Iraq.

In 1992, Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini was assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron where he was the initial cadre for the MC-130H COMBAT TALON II aircraft and helped stand up the 15th Special Operations Squadron. He was instrumental in developing tactics and procedures for the first-ever special operations formation Ranger Battalion airdrops and simultaneous aircraft landings. He served as Evaluator Navigator, Squadron Scheduler and Assistant Chief of Squadron Standardization and Evaluation.

In 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini was assigned to the 58th Operations Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico as MC-130H Group Evaluator. He also served as the 550th Special Operations Squadron's MC-130H Flight Commander. He completed his tour as 58th Special Operations Wing's Flight Safety Officer.

In 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini was assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He served as Chief of Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Combat Command's C-130 assignments and later became the Branch Chief of Mobility Assignments, managing assignments, manning and career progression for over 24,500 rated officers and career enlisted aviators. After September 11, 2001, he spearheaded the program for pilots and navigators to return to active duty and was instrumental in recalling over 400 volunteer rated officers.

After his staff tour in 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini returned to fly with the 550th Special Operations Squadron and served as Executive Officer and Chief of Squadron Standardization and Evaluation. He was later assigned to the 58th Training Squadron as the Operations Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini completed Squadron Officer School in residence, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College by correspondence. He is a master navigator with over 4300 flying hours. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster and an Air Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Marocchini is married to the former Robin McDonnell of Somers, Connecticut. They have two children, Kyle and Christine.